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# Healthcare Notice

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Beginning in Oct. healthcare providers at Naval Hospital GTMO will initiate the transformation from paper medical records to an electronic patient record system referred to as AHLTA.

This new system will increase the efficiency and quality of care that is provided through improved access to information such as laboratory and diagnostic test results as well as access to legible patient care documentation. Each time the patient requires care in the future, essential information can be readily accessed, thus increasing time spent by the provider with the patient.

Clinical staff at any location where care is provided within the Department of Defense facilities will be able to access patient data at any time. In addition to the documentation of care, the system facilitates the scheduling of appointments, the transmission and viewing of laboratory and diagnostic test results, and the entrance of prescriptions that are subjected to an automated check for drug and allergy interactions that is built into the system.

AHLTA will eliminate duplication of laboratory and diagnostic tests. It will also facilitate communication among various healthcare providers thus improving the collaboration process necessary for coordinated care.

The staff in the Primary Care Clinic is enthusiastic about the future of this new electronic information system. Members of the entire Primary Care Clinic will begin training in the use of this system in October.

A delay in scheduling ap-

pointments may be experienced as the staff participate in this training. During the initial period when patient information is entered into the system, patient care time will be lengthened.

The first appointments scheduled for each patient during the transition period will be increased from the usual 20 min. to 40 min., and around the end of November a return to the usual 20-minute visit will resume. Because each patient will require extra time to transition into the new system, the length of waiting time for an appointment may increase.

Every Department of Defense healthcare facility will install this system. As a result, a patient's medical record will be accessible at any facility globally wherever care is sought and can be retrieved for all future healthcare visits.

Security of protected information is an essential component of the system. Encrypted passwords and digital signatures are but a few of the safeguards built into the system to prevent unauthorized individuals from accessing the system.

The information in the system is referred to as Personal Healthcare Information (PHI); as such, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) dictate its management. It is in compliance with all aspects of this law.

The healthcare providers at GTMO look forward to the challenge and the ultimate benefit of providing more efficient and quality patient care as we transform our paper charts to electronic ones.

We ask your patience and understanding as we transition to AHLTA.

## Worship Services

### Catholic

Catholic Mass Mon. thru Fri. 6 p.m. (Main Chapel)  
Confession, Mon. thru Fri. 5:15 p.m. (Main Chapel) Sat. 4:15 p.m., Sun. 8:15 a.m.  
Vigil Mass, 5 p.m. (Main Chapel)  
Sunday Mass, 9 a.m. (Main Chapel)  
Eucharistic Adoration, daily 24 hrs.

### Protestant

Sunday  
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Services, Main Chapel, 11 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.  
Gospel Worship Service, 1 p.m.  
Monday  
Prayer Group, 6 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
Wednesday  
Men's Fellowship, 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
Gospel Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary A)  
Thursday  
PWOC - 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
Sunday, Protestant Liturgical Service, 10 a.m. (Sanctuary B)

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

(Sanctuary A)  
Monday, Family Home Evening, 7 p.m. (rm. 8)  
Sunday Sacrament, 9 a.m.

### Filipino Christian Fellowship

(Sanctuary A)  
Sunday Worship, 7 p.m.

**Iglesia Ni Cristo** (Sanctuary B)  
Bible Study, Thursday, 7 p.m.  
Sunday Worship, 5:30 a.m.

**Pentecostal Gospel Temple**  
(Sanctuary D)  
Sunday Worship, 8 a.m. & 5 p.m.

**Seventh Day Adventist** (Sanctuary B)  
Prayer Meeting, Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
Vesper Meeting, Friday, 7 p.m.  
Sabbath School, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.  
Divine Service, Saturday, 11 a.m.  
Bible Study, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

**Islamic Service** (Sanctuary C)  
Friday Worship, 1:15 p.m.

**United Jamaican Fellowship**  
(Bldg. 1036, next to Phoenix Cable)  
Sunday Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

**Shabbat Service**  
Second Friday of the month, Rm. 11, 7:30 p.m.

## Wildlife regulations

Maximum daily limit for live Queen Conchs is one per person, per day.

Size limit is a minimum of 9 inches in length or lips greater than 1/8 in.

Contact 4105 to report violations or poachers.  
FMI call 4662.